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A bibliography and webliography of Japanese Chicago

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Osaka Garden, Chicago. Photo by Patricia Morse, used with permission.

This Lab Note reflects the first stage of a three-year research project known as eChicago. This project is funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the full title of the project is Chicago community informatics: Places, Uses, Resources. Our interest here is to examine the population of Chicago, in particular a subset of ethnicities and community areas, and analyze how these communities are navigating the digital age. Stage one is to understand the communities today and discover how they are represented in cyberspace. Thus our initial products include a webliography/bibliography on each community and we are honored to partner with experts on these communities.

Further work entails surveying the communities for public access computing sites (Places), interviewing members of community organizations on how they use digital tools (Uses), and helping a subset of these groups create digital resources that represent their cultural heritage and identity (Resources). The project's theoretical framework centers on social capital and social networks.

The method employed in this bibliography/webliography was to combine many years of work in the field of Asian bibliography by one author (Okuizumi) with a current search of (1) the Online Computer Library Center's WorldCat and the University of Illinois Library catalog and databases and (2) the Web, starting with Yahoo and Google but following all possible links. We worked in English using such search terms as Japanese-American Chicago, Japanese Chicago, Japanese American Chicago Youth, and so on.

Chicago's Japanese population represents two major waves of immigration and is thus somewhat bifurcated: an earlier immigration as many Japanese Americans were finally released from the internment camps in 1945, and a more recent migration of Japanese people, some of them only in the U.S. for a few years of employment or education.

The categories in the webliography follow the 21 categories laid out in Alkalimat (2004) with several more added. This webliography/bibliography is a work in progress and will be updated. The urls listed reflect our recent search but are subject to change. If you know of missing items, we would appreciate hearing from you. A special thank you goes to Professor Taku Sugimoto for his help as we got started.

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<http://www.tohkon.com/jump.html?about>

Internet communications

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Primarily in English. <http://www.discovernikkei.org>

Nonprofit organizations

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<http://www.asianamericanalliance.com/>

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The CI Lab looks forward to becoming a research tool available for faculty and students studying local communities or carrying out research in local communities. We welcome inquiries and visits from across the university, the state, and beyond. A weekly pot luck dinner (Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 in LIS 341) is open to all.

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